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Governor Baker Files Sales Tax Holiday Legislation

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker [filed legislation](#) designating August 19-20, 2017 as Massachusetts' sales tax holiday weekend to renew a tax free weekend that generally occurs every year in the Commonwealth.

The legislation would suspend the state's 6.25% retail sales tax for the weekend on purchases of goods costing \$2,500 or less, which will provide a welcome relief to consumers and bolster sales at businesses.

"The sales tax holiday gives consumers a much needed break and supports business across the Commonwealth for our hardworking retailers," **said Governor Baker**. "We look forward to working with the Legislature to make this important weekend possible, so the Commonwealth can shop local and make purchases tax free."

"A tax free weekend provides consumers with a great opportunity to support local businesses while saving money," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "This weekend will especially help out parents who are looking to make back-to-school purchases, and I look forward to working with our partners in the Legislature to see this legislation passed."

"The sales tax holiday weekend supports both Main Street and consumers in the Commonwealth, while also boosting economic activity in our cities and towns," **said Administration and Finance Secretary Kristen Lepore**.

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